

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1180

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 19, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 19, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 990, H.D. 2,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST  
THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES.  
**ACT 080**

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D." in a cursive style.

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 19 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 080**  
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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS  
OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 **PART I**

2 SECTION 1. The following sums or so much thereof as may be  
3 necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 are appropriated out of the  
4 general revenues of the State of Hawaii to the department of the  
5 attorney general for the purpose of satisfying claims for  
6 legislative relief as to the following named persons, firms,  
7 corporations, and entities, for claims against the State or its  
8 officers or employees, for the overpayment of taxes, or for  
9 refunds, reimbursements, payments of judgments or settlements,  
10 or other liabilities, in the amounts set forth opposite their  
11 names:

12	JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE STATE	AMOUNT
13	AND SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS:	
14		
15	1. MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS:	
16		
17	Gilbert Collins	\$ 69,113.33
18		
19	Mark Lloyd	\$ 111,733.08
20		
21	Maui Kupono Builders, LLC	\$ 442,504.75



1	(Check No. S0057589)		
2			
3	Maui Kuponu Builders, LLC	\$	152,665.39
4	(Check No. S0001176)		
5			
6	National Commerce Bank Service	\$	166,492.00
7			
8	Olinda Country Estates, Inc.	\$	50,210.67
9			
10	Sarah Ann D. Pacheco	\$	460.00
11	f/k/a Sarah Ann D. Taylor		
12			
13	Sofia Lerman Estate	\$	22,674.17
14			
15	Neal M. Tamashiro	\$	514.00
16			
17	Kiyoji Tanimura	\$	5,371.00
18			
19	SUBTOTAL:	\$	1,021,738.39
20			
21	2. DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:		
22			
23	Billy Peter v. Anne E. Lopez	\$	28,500.00
24	Civil No. 24-cv-00508 MWJS-RT, USDC		(Judgment)
25			
26	SUBTOTAL:	\$	28,500.00
27			
28	3. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION:		
29			
30	Donna Opulento v. State of Hawaii	\$	100,000.00
31	Department of Public Safety		(Settlement)
32	Civil No. 19-cv-00315-RT, USDC		
33			
34	SUBTOTAL:	\$	100,000.00
35			
36	4. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE:		
37			
38	Paul Aker v. Hawaii Emergency Management	\$	5,000.00
39	Agency		(Settlement)
40	Civil No. 2CCV-23-0000378, Second Circuit		
41			



1	James Sean Shields v. State of Hawaii	\$ 275,000.00
2	Civil No. 1CC181001897, First Circuit	(Settlement)
3		
4	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 280,000.00
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6	5. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:	
7		
8	B.R., M.A., and F.R. v. State of Hawaii	\$ 330,000.00
9	Civil No. 1CCV-20-0000549, First Circuit	(Settlement)
10		
11	Katherine Balatico v. State of Hawaii	\$ 150,000.00
12	Civil No. 22-cv-00415-LEK-KJM, USDC	(Settlement)
13		
14	Child Evangelism Fellowship of Hawaii,	\$ 100,000.00
15	Inc. v. Hawaii State Department of Education	(Judgment)
16	Civil No. 24-cv-00034 MWJS-WRP, USDC	
17		
18	D.O. v. State of Hawaii,	\$ 100,000.00
19	Department of Education	(Settlement)
20	Civil No. 1CCV-20-0000583, First Circuit	
21		
22	Jake Ferreira v. State of Hawaii,	\$ 75,000.00
23	Department of Education	(Settlement)
24	Civil No. 1CCV-23-0000874, First Circuit	
25		
26	Brenda Persinger, Individually and as a	\$ 1,750,000.00
27	Personal Representative of the Estate of	(Settlement)
28	Michael Ambrose, Deceased v. State of Hawaii,	
29	Department of Education	
30	Civil No. 3CCV-22-0000337, Third Circuit	
31		
32	Leonard Ramboyon v. Esther Kanehailua	\$ 140,000.00
33	Civil No. 3CCV-20-0000407, Third Circuit	(Settlement)
34		
35	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 2,645,000.00
36		
37	6. DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS:	
38		
39	Royal Contracting Co. v.	\$ 400,000.00
40	Department of Hawaiian Home Lands	(Settlement)
41	Civil No. 1CC161001760, First Circuit	



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2	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 400,000.00
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4	7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:	
5		
6	Jon R. Chung v. State of Hawaii	\$ 50,000.00
7	Civil No. 2CCV-22-0000006, Second Circuit	(Settlement)
8		
9	Kamaka Air, LLC	\$ 298,000.00
10	Tort Claim	(Settlement)
11		
12	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 348,000.00
13		
14	8. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:	
15		
16	John Roe No. 121 v. State of Hawaii	\$ 512,700.83
17	Civil No. 1CC191001419, First Circuit	(Judgment)
18		
19	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 512,700.83
20		
21	9. DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES:	
22		
23	Anela Aplaca v. State of Hawaii	\$ 115,000.00
24	Civil No. 1CCV-23-0000193, First Circuit	(Settlement)
25		
26	Stacy J. Bruhn v. State of Hawaii	\$ 125,000.00
27	Civil No. 1CCV-24-0001600, First Circuit	(Settlement)
28		
29	Healoha Carmichael v. Board of	\$ 26,771.00
30	Land and Natural Resources	(Judgment)
31	Civil No. 1CC-15-1000650, First Circuit	
32		
33	Kona Mike's Surf Adventures, LLC v.	\$ 18,000.00
34	Dawn N.S. Chang	(Settlement)
35	Civil No. CAAP-24-0000645,	
36	Intermediate Court of Appeals	
37		
38	Jennifer L. Reber v. State of Hawaii	\$ 450,000.00
39	Civil No. 5CCV-23-0000053, Fifth Circuit	(Settlement)
40		
41	Brenda Osmer	\$ 100,000.00



1	Tort Claim	(Settlement)
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3	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 834,771.00
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5	10. DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT:	
6		
7	Cresencia Espejo v. State of Hawaii	\$ 750,000.00
8	Civil No. 1CCV-21-0000192, First Circuit	(Settlement)
9		
10	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 750,000.00
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12	11. DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION:	
13		
14	Deborah Kwan v. State of Hawaii	\$ 32,632.85
15	Civil No. 1CCV-21-0000424, First Circuit	(Settlement)
16		
17	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 32,632.85
18		
19	12. JUDICIARY:	
20		
21	Lisa Ann Daguro v. State of Hawaii	\$ 70,000.00
22	Civil No. 1CCV-20-0001475, First Circuit	(Settlement)
23		
24	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 70,000.00
25		
26	TOTAL (SECTION 1):	\$ 7,023,343.07

27 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
28 of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

29 PART II

30 SECTION 2. The following sums or so much thereof as may be  
31 necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 are appropriated out of the  
32 state highway fund for the purpose of satisfying claims for  
33 legislative relief as to the following named persons, for claims  
34 against the State or its officers or employees for payments of



1 judgments or settlements, or other liabilities, in the amount  
2 set forth opposite their names:

3 **JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE STATE** **AMOUNT**  
4 **AND SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS:**

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6 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS DIVISION:

7		
8	Juan Jimmie Aldeguer v. State of Hawaii	\$ 1,075,000.00
9	Civil No. 1CCV-21-0000052, First Circuit	(Settlement)
10		
11	Estate of Bruce S. Perdue v. State of Hawaii	\$ 175,000.00
12	Civil No. 5CC131000351, Fifth Circuit	(Settlement)
13		
14	Susanna Sigal v. State of Hawaii	\$ 70,000.00
15	Civil No. 1CCV-20-0001486, First Circuit	(Settlement)
16		
17		
18	SUBTOTAL:	<u>\$ 1,320,000.00</u>
19		
20	TOTAL (SECTION 2):	\$ 1,320,000.00

21 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
22 of transportation, highways division, for the purposes of this  
23 Act.

24 **PART III**

25 SECTION 3. The following sums or so much thereof as may be  
26 necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 are appropriated out of the  
27 judiciary funds for the purpose of satisfying claims for  
28 legislative relief as to the following named persons, for claims  
29 against the State or its officers or employees for payments of



1 judgments or settlements, or other liabilities, in the amount  
2 set forth opposite their names:

3	JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE STATE	AMOUNT
4	AND SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS:	

## 6 JUDICIARY:

<b>8</b>	Leanne Rosa v. Randal G.B. Valenciano	\$ 90,000.00
<b>9</b>	Civil No. 23-CV-00315-JAO-WRP, USDC	(Settlement)

11	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 90,000.00
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<b>13</b>	TOTAL (SECTION 3) :	\$	90,000.00
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14       The sum appropriated shall be expended by the judiciary for  
15 the purposes of this Act.

## 16 PART IV

SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that at the beginning of the regular session of 2025, the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 was exceeded by \$8,551,795, or one per cent. The appropriations contained in Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, caused the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by an additional \$30,334,159. Therefore, the



1 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 has  
2 already been exceeded by \$38,885,954, or one per cent.

3 The appropriations contained in this Act will cause the  
4 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
5 further exceeded by \$7,023,343.07, or one per cent. This  
6 declaration takes into account the additional general fund  
7 appropriations authorized for fiscal year 2024-2025 in this Act  
8 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
9 ceiling are that the appropriations made in this Act are  
10 necessary to serve the public interest and to meet the needs  
11 addressed by this Act.

12 PART V

13 SECTION 5. The sums hereinabove may be paid to the  
14 respective persons, firms, corporations, or entities for the  
15 satisfaction or settlement of the respectively identified cases,  
16 and in several amounts hereinabove set forth or in lesser  
17 amounts deemed appropriate, upon checks issued by the  
18 comptroller; provided that departments shall obtain the approval  
19 of the attorney general before payment of any claim may be made.

20 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding the sums hereinabove stated as  
21 interest upon judgments against the State, payment of interest



1 shall be limited to the period from the date of the judgment, if  
2 applicable, to thirty days after the effective date of this Act,  
3 as provided in section 662-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for those  
4 cases to which the statute applies.

5 SECTION 7. All unexpended and unencumbered balances of the  
6 appropriations made in this Act as of the close of business on  
7 June 30, 2026, shall lapse.

8 SECTION 8. If any provision of this Act, or the  
9 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held  
10 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or  
11 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the  
12 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions  
13 of this Act are severable.

14 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 990  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 19th day of May, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 990, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

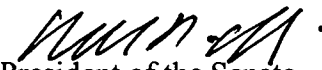



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate